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HISTORICAL NOTES

BURIAL PLACE OF MRS. HOWORTH

The following inscription from a tablet in Wimborne Minster, was copied by Mr. Albert Matthews, of Boston, about 1898; he states that the tablet was on a pillar between the nave and lectern, facing the nave. It reads as follows:

Near this place / is Interr'd the / Body of Mr^s / Martha Howorth / Wife of / Henry Howorth / of the County of Radnor^{sh} / Gent: & daughter of the / Hon^{ble}. James Michie Esq^r / of Charles Town South / Carolina / She died 1st. Aug. st. 1772 / Aged 32 Years.

Martha Michie was the eldest daughter of James Michie, Esq; member of Council, chief justice, judge of court of vice-admiralty, etc. James Michie married in 1737, Martha, the daughter of Col. Arthur Hall and his wife Martha Seabrook; James Michie died July 16, 1760, in London. His will mentions his daughter Martha Mayne, his wife Martha, his daughter Mary, under age; his sister Elizabeth Michie, spinster, in London, his friend Dr. David Caw, and his kinsman William Michie of Charlestown, merchant. It was made 6 May 1758, proved 14 November, 1760.

Martha Michie, born 1738, married in October 1755, Charles Mayne, merchant, who died September 30, 1759. Henry Laurens in a letter to Richard Oswald, dated 26 May, 1756, states:

"Mr. Mayne we are told designs for England very soon, he seems very unhappily married to Miss Michie, but whether of the two is the aggressor we can't pretend to say."

Mr. Mayne and his wife separated, and after his death she married Henry Howarth, or Howorth. [Clerk of Court's unfiled papers, case reciting above separation, dated May 6, 1761]

Henry Howarth was a lieutenant in the 15th Regiment in 1758 (Mr. Ford's list of British Officers in America) and owned a tract of 1650 acres on the Altamaha river, which he sold to James Parsons, May 8, 1764. He then describes himself as Henry Howorth, gentleman, of Charlestown. (M. C. O. book B No. 3, p. 386.)

Mary, the other daughter of James Michie, married Charles Ogilvie, merchant, of London. (*Ibid.* C, No. 3, p. 11.0.)